

REMARKS

In response to the Official Action mailed July 2, 2004, Applicant amends his application and requests reconsideration. In this Amendment, no claims are added and claims 2, 12, 17, 27, 32, and 42 are canceled, so that claims 1, 3-11, 13-16, 18-26, 28-31, 33-41, and 43-50 remain pending. No new matter has been added.

Minor amendments are made to claims 1, 4-6, 9, 10, 13-16, 19-21, 24, 25, 28-31, 34-36, 39, 40, and 43-50 to clarify and correct points of idiom.

The Official Action indicates that claims 5-8, 13-15, 20-23, 28-30, 35-38, 43-45, 47, 49, and 50 are allowed, thus these claims require no comment.

The Official Action indicates that claims 1, 9-11, 16, 24-26, 31, 39-41, 46, and 48 are rejected. The Official Action further indicates that claims 2-4, 12, 17-19, 27, 32-34, and 42 contain allowable subject matter, but are objected to for depending from a rejected base claim. Accordingly, claim 1 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 2. Claim 9 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 12. Claim 16 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 17. Claim 24 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 27. Claim 31 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 32. Claim 39 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 42. Claim 46 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 2. Claim 48 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 12. Thus all pending claims are in form for allowance.

The rejection of claims 1, 9-11, 16, 24-26, 31, 39-41, 46, and 48 is rendered moot by this Amendment.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections, as well as prompt allowance of the pending claims, are appropriate and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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